

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content by,
 - (i) initiating on one client node a download of a particular content item served from the server node or another client node, and
 - (ii) charging a fee based on a quantity of [[the]] content served related to the particular content item; and
 - (b) enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content by
 - (i) allowing [[the]] client nodes of the multiple client nodes to subscribe to one or more of the subscription-based content,
 - (ii) periodically sending the subscribed to subscription-based content to each [[the]] respective subscribing client node nodes, and
 - (iii) charging a fee to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of:
 - (c) providing direct marketing by
 - (i) sending marketing content to the client nodes from the server node as well as from other client nodes, and
 - (ii) charging a fee to providers of the marketing content.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of:
 - (d) enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, and paying owners of the affiliate servers a percentage of the fee charged for serving [[the]] files.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the content includes free content and fee-based content, step (a)(ii) further including the steps of:

(1) charging a fee [[from]] to a provider of the free content for serving the free content, and

(2) charging a fee [[from]] to a user of the initiating client node for the download of the fee-based content.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the subscription-based content includes free content and fee-based content, step_(b)(iii) further including the step of:

(1) charging a fee [[from]] to users of the subscribing client nodes for receiving the fee-based content.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the subscription-based content includes free content and fee-based content, step_(b)(iii) further including the step of charging a fee [[from]] to users of the subscribing client nodes for opening the fee-based content.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein step_(c)(ii) further includes the step of: charging a fee [[from]] to the provider of the marketing content based on a cost per click.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein step_(c)(ii) further includes the step of: charging a fee [[from]] to the provider of the marketing content based on a cost per acquisition.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the system comprising:

means for enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content whereby one client node initiates a download of a particular content item served from the server node or another client node, and wherein a fee is charged based on a quantity of [[the]] content served related to the particular content item; and

means for enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content that [[the]] client nodes of the multiple client nodes subscribe to in order to receive periodic updates, wherein a fee is charged to providers of [[the]] subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content to the client nodes.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 further including means for providing direct marketing to client nodes such that marketing content is sent send to the client nodes from the server node as well as from other client nodes, and a fee is charged to providers of the marketing content. ~~and~~

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 further including means for enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, such that owners of the affiliate servers are paid a percentage of the fee charged for serving [[the]] files.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]] 9 wherein the content includes free content and fee-based content, and a provider of the free content is charged a fee for serving the free content, and a user of the initiating client node is charged a fee for [[the]] download of the fee-based content.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, and wherein users of [[the]] subscribing client nodes are charged a fee for receiving the second fee-based content.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, and wherein users of the subscribing client nodes are charged a fee for opening the second fee-based content.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 further comprising means for wherein step(e)(ii) further includes the step of: charging a fee from [[the]] a provider of the marketing content based on a cost per click.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15 further comprising means for wherein step(e)(ii) further includes the step of: charging a fee from the provider of the marketing content based on a cost per acquisition.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing program instructions for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the program instructions for:

(a) enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content by,

(iii) (i) initiating on one client node a download of a particular content item served from the server node or another client node, and

(iv) (ii) charging a fee based on a quantity of [[the]] content served related to the particular content item; and

(b) enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content by

(i) allowing [[the]] client nodes of the multiple client nodes to subscribe to one or more of the subscription-based content,

(ii) periodically sending the subscribed-to subscription-based content to each [[the]] respective subscribing client node nodes, and

(iii) charging a fee to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further including the instruction of:

(c) providing direct marketing by

(i) sending marketing content to the client nodes from the server node as well as from other client nodes, and

(ii) charging a fee to providers of the marketing content.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further including the instruction of:

(d) enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, and paying owners of the affiliate servers a percentage of the fee charged for serving [[the]] files.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 wherein the content includes free content and fee-based content, instruction (a)(ii) further including the instructions of:

(1) charging a fee [[from]] to a provider of the free content for serving the free content, and

(2) charging a fee [[from]] to a user of [[the]] an initiating client node for [[the]] download of the fee-based content.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, instruction_(b)(iii) further including the instruction of:

(1) charging a fee [[from]] to users of the respective subscribing client node nodes for receiving the second fee-based content.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, instruction_(b)(iii) further including the instruction of charging a fee [[from]] to users of the respective subscribing client nodes nodes for opening the second fee-based content.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein instruction_(c)(ii) further includes the instruction of:

charging a fee [[from]] to the providers provider of the marketing content based on a cost per click.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 23 wherein instruction_(c)(ii) further includes the instruction of:

charging a fee [[from]] to the providers provider of the marketing content based on a cost per acquisition.

25. (Currently Amended) A method for providing subscription-based decentralized file downloads to client nodes in a peer-to-peer public network, each of the client nodes affiliated with a user account, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving content files from at least one content provider, the content including free subscription content files, fee-based subscription content files, and marketing content files;

- (b) allowing the client nodes to subscribe to particular one or more of the content files;
- (c) periodically delivering the particular content files to [[the]] respective clients nodes that subscribed to the particular content files;
- (d) charging the at least one content provider a fee for delivering the content files to the client nodes over the peer-to-peer public network;
- (e) charging the at least one content provider a fee for the marketing content files based on a number of users that access the marketing content files once downloaded; and
- (f) charging [[the]] user accounts of the client nodes that received fee-based subscription content files.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content by
 - (i) initiating on one client node a download of a particular content item served from the at least one server node or another client node, and
 - (ii) charging a fee based on a quantity of [[the]] content served related to the particular content item;
 - (b) enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content by
 - (i) allowing [[the]] client nodes of the multiple client nodes to subscribe to one or more of the subscription-based content,
 - (ii) periodically sending the subscribed to subscription-based content to each [[the]] respective subscribing client node nodes, and
 - (iii) charging a fee to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content;
 - (c) providing direct marketing by
 - (i) sending marketing content to the client nodes from the at least one server node as well as from other client nodes, and
 - (ii) charging a fee to providers of the marketing content; and
 - (d) enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, and paying owners of the affiliate servers a percentage of the fee charged for serving

[[the]] files.

27. (Currently Amended) A system for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the system method comprising the steps of:

means for enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content whereby one client node initiates a download of a particular content item served from the at least one server node or another client node, and wherein a fee is charged based on a quantity of [[the]] content served related to the particular content item;

means for enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content that [[the]] client nodes of the multiple client nodes subscribe to in order to receive periodic updates, wherein a fee is charged to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content to the client nodes;

means for providing direct marketing to the client nodes such that marketing content is sent send to the client nodes from the at least one server node as well as from other client nodes, and a fee is charged to providers of the marketing content; and

means for enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, such that owners of the affiliate servers are paid a percentage of the fee charged for serving [[the]] files.

28. (New) A system for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, comprising:
a server node adapted to:

allow a download by a client node, wherein a fee is charged based on a quantity of content served during the download; and

enable downloads of subscription-based content by client nodes, wherein a second fee is charged to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription based content to the client nodes.

29. (New) A server node comprising:
a network interface; and
a control system adapted to:

share content with a client node and charge a fee based on a quantity of content shared with the client node;

provide subscription-based content to which the client node may subscribe, wherein a fee is charged to providers of the subscription-based content for providing the subscription-based content to the client node; and

provide direct marketing to the client node such that marketing content is provided to the client node and a fee is charged to providers of the marketing content; and

wherein the client node may become an affiliate server that delivers content to other client nodes such that an owner of the affiliate server is paid a percentage of a fee charged for content delivery.